

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to Fig 2. This sheet, which includes Fig. 2, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 2. The following changes have been made to Fig. 2.

Attachment: Replacement sheet
 Annotated sheet showing changes

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated March 5, 2009 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Applicants appreciate and thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 8, 11, 15, 16, and 18 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-3, 9, 14, and 18-19 are amended, and claims 8 and 17 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Further, new claim 20 has been added. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action objects to the drawings because reference numeral "115" in Fig. 2 and reference numeral "161" in Fig. 6 are not mentioned in the specification. Applicants have amended Fig. 2 and also amended the specification to obviate the objection.

The Office Action objects to claims 2 and 9. Claims 2 and 9 have been amended to obviate the objection.

The Office Action objects to claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as not meeting the written description requirement. Claim 14 has been amended to obviate the rejection.

The Office Action rejects claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 3 has been amended to obviate the rejection.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,243,565 to Kimball et al., ("*Kimball*"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 now incorporates the allowable subject matter of claim 8. Claims 2-3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 13 are at least allowable by virtue of their dependency from claim 1.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 5-7, 13, 17, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,520,366 to Kirby ("*Kirby*"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 now incorporates the allowable subject matter of claim 8. Claims 3, 5-7, and 13 are at least allowable by virtue of their dependency from claim 1. Claim 17 has been canceled, and thus the rejection with respect to this claim is now moot. Claim 18 recites patentable subject matter. Claim 19 is at least allowable by virtue of its dependency from claim 18.

The Office Action rejects claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over *Kimball* in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,852,883 to Walsh ("*Walsh*"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above *Kimball* does not disclose or suggest all the features of claim 1. *Walsh* does not cure for its deficiency. Claim 4 is at least allowable by virtue of its dependency from claim 1.

Furthermore, newly added claim 20 recites subject matter that is either disclosed nor suggested by the cited references, individually or in combination.

The application is in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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